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Handley Page HPR-7 Herald 401, G-BEYF, Elan Air

In 1955, when the first Handley Page Herald flew, it was powered by four piston engines. It wasn't until 1958 that the first Rolls-Royce Dart-powered Herald took to the air. Overshadowed to some extent by its contemporaries, Herald production totalled only 48 aircraft. Some of these are still flying on passenger services, whilst others like G-BEYF, in the livery of Elan Air, provide valuable freight capacity where needed. A Series 401 aircraft, G-BEYF is seen here at East Midlands International Airport.